Docket No. 21419 US (C038435/0185660)

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re | Application of: |) | | |
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| Tatsu | o HOSHINO et al. |) | Examiner: I. H. Chowdhury | |
| Serial No.: 10/528,845 | |) | Art Unit: 1652 | |
| Filed: January 17, 2006 | |) | | |
| For: | A GENE ENCODING VITAMIN B ₆ PHOSPHATE PHOSPHATASE AND USE THEREOF |) | | |

New York, New York March 5, 2008

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is 03/12/2008 HDESTA1 00000005 10528845 1050.00 OP